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SUBJECT: HMG RESPONSE TO GOM FINANCIAL REQUESTS

REF: VALLETTA 0235

1. DEP BRIT HICOM ARTHUR HAS INFORMED US THAT HICOMER MORETON PROVIDED HMG REPLY TO QUESTIONS OF ADJUSTMENT OF OUTSTANDING UK LOANS (WHICH GOM NOT SERVICING) AND NEW UK TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ESSENCE OF REPLY WAS THAT HMG WILLING CONSIDER GOM PROPOSALS ON LOANS PROVIDING THAT THEY ARE IN WRITING AND CONTAIN ECONOMIC JUSTIFICATION FOR CHANGES IN TERMS OF LOANS TO GOM ADVANTAGE. DISCUSSIONS ON NEW TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WOULD FOLLOW SETTLEMENT OF LOANS ISSUE.

2. ARTHUR NOTED THAT ONGOING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (E. G. PUBLIC WORKS, ETC.) CONTINUING AND OTHER REQUESTS (E. G. MOD SURVEY AND REPAIR OF GRAND HARBOR BREAKWATER) BEING TREATED IN POSITIVE MANNER.

3. HE SAID DISCUSSIONS ON BILATERALS PROCEEDING APACE.

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HMG CONCESSION ON RESTORATION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS (VALLETTA 0470) STILL NOT ACCEPTED BY GOM SIDE, WHICH STILL COMPLAINING THAT OFFER SOME 18,000 POUNDS SHORT OF THEIR REQUEST. RAF PERSONNEL, INCLUDING COMMUNICATORS, ALL HAVE BEEN OFFERED FULL SERVICE STATUS IN UK, DESPITE FACT THAT RAF CURRENTLY REDUCING ITS BRITISH COMPONENT ON WORLDWIDE BASIS. DISCUSSIONS STILL GOING ON RE OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES. ARTHUR WAS OPTIMISTIC ON FINAL RESULTS, BUT NOT ON LENGTH OF TIME IT WILL TAKE TO CONCLUDE BILATERALS. HE ANTICIPATES THAT AS TIME GOES ON NEW PROBLEMS WILL ARISE, AND EXPECTS CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. GETZ

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